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## Increased Access to Abortion Services Advances in California

On April 23, the Early Access to Abortion bill (AB 154) passed out of the Assembly Health Committee on vote of 13-6. Authored by Assemblymember Toni Atkins (D-San Diego), AB 154 removes barriers to care by allowing trained health professionals to provide early abortions in the communities they serve. The legislation is based on a multi-year pilot project conducted by UCSF and involved PPSP as a key partner.



California is one of the few states in the nation moving proactive reproductive health legislation. For the past few years, state legislatures across the country and Congress have passed hundreds of bills restricting access to reproductive health care, including abortion. In 2012 alone, 43 states in the nation moved to restrict abortion access — the second highest number of restrictions on record.

## 25-Foot Buffer Zone Close to Reality in San Francisco



*PPSP staff and volunteers after the April 18 Neighborhood and Safety Committee hearing on the Buffer Zone Ordinance*

On May 7, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a 25-foot "Buffer Zone" ordinance by a vote of 11-0. Sponsored by Supervisor David Campos, the "Buffer Zone" will help protect the patients and staff at PPSP and other San Francisco community health care providers from ongoing harassment, bullying and intimidation from anti-abortion protesters. Specifically the "Buffer Zone" will prevent protesters from placing signs in or continuously walking across an area 25 feet from any door, entrance or driveway of a health center that provides reproductive health services. The bill now goes to Mayor Lee for his signature.

PPSP is deeply grateful to Supervisor Campos and his staff for their amazing leadership and commitment to safe and accessible private health care services. PPSP also would like to thank our sister organizations who stood in support of the legislation including Credo, Women's Community Clinic, San Francisco Women's Political Committee, Emerge California, NARAL Pro-Choice California and the Mission Neighborhood Health Center as well as the more than 60 supportive neighbors and volunteers who attended the original committee hearing on April 19. Thank you!

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## FOR YOUTH BY YOUTH PPSP Theatre Troupe Performing in Ukiah!



Launched in January 2013, members of Take ACTION have been working with PPSP Health Educator Karrin Palmer to learn about sexual and reproductive health, community resources and PERFORMANCE! Using their training, the group has written the scripts, cast the roles and selected the music and is putting the final touches on what will be amazing and informative performance.

We hope you will join us on  
**Thursday, May 23 at 6pm** or  
**Sunday, June 2nd at 2pm**  
at the SPACE Theatre  
508 West Perkins Street  
in Ukiah.

Take ACTION is supported by Near and Arnold's School of Performing Arts and Cultural Education (SPACE).

*Photo left: Take ACTION peer educators at Capitol Day on April 3.*

## Audacious! Courageous! Legendary!



On the evening of April 4, San Francisco's St. Regis Hotel was alive with enthusiasm for reproductive justice. Thanks to the audacious and meaningful support of our incredible sponsors, nearly 300 supporters – including many of you! – showed up in force to celebrate the courageous work of two legendary champions of women's health.



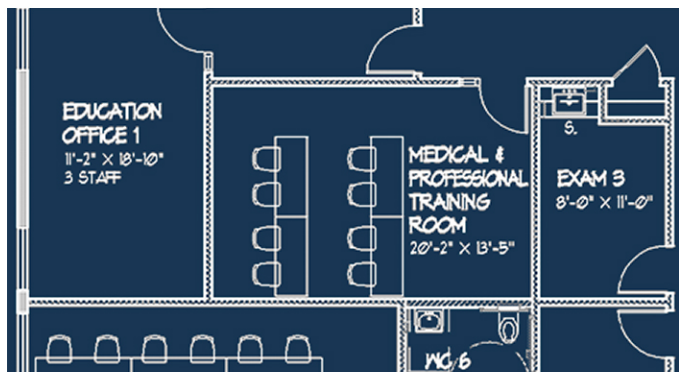
The evening event featured a conversation between renowned attorney Sarah Weddington, who successfully argued *Roe v. Wade* 40 years ago, and Cecile Richards, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Shefali Razdan Duggal, a national Democratic political activist, was the moderator. The audience was also enraptured listening to PPSP staff share deeply personal stories about why they work for Planned Parenthood. We are thrilled to report that the event raised \$220,000 for PPSP and the PPSP Action Fund! A huge thank you to Sue and Dick Wollack and Marlene Saritzky and Tom Corwin, the visionary co-chairs, as well as to our Audacious sponsors, Kaiser Permanente and Marin Community Foundation, for their significant support.

*Top: Attorney Sarah Weddington, PPSP President/CEO Heather Saunders Estes, and PPFA President Cecile Richards. Bottom: PPSP's Health Educator Natalia Tocino, Reproductive Health Specialist David Sternberg and Clinician Debbie Bamberger.*

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## In the Home Stretch for Access for All!



Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of the Access for All Task Force, and the generous support of our donors, PPSP continues to make great strides toward the finish line of its expansion campaign. Created to help expand access to PPSP's services and programs across its 17 county service area, just over \$5.5 million of its \$6.5 million goal has been secured! The new Marin Regional Health and Training Center in San Rafael is in its final construction phase, and a 2014 opening of the North Bay Regional Health and Training Center in Vallejo is anticipated. Funds raised have also helped open new centers and expand education and advocacy programs.

“There is just under \$1 million left to raise to reach our goal. In the spirit of *Access for All*, we hope you will join us and contribute to *Access for All* to open new doors for PPSP's reproductive and preventive health care services and programs.”

— Access for All Co-Chairs  
Stacey Bressler and  
Melody Howe Weintraub

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